

SPECIES REPORT

This report covers the three countries Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Records are included under one or more categories, indicated by code letters as follows:

- S(A): SCARCE species in category A (five or fewer previous records from East Africa); all records of such species are published.
- S(B): SCARCE species in category B (six to twenty five previous records from East Africa); all records of such species are published.
- R : Species of interest whose status in East Africa requires clarification, and for which ALL records are REQUESTED. Records may be listed or summarized in full each year, or reviewed after several years.
- E : Records showing an EXTENSION of range, or from areas where the species is decidedly uncommon to scarce.
- N : Records included for their NUMERICAL interest, either of particularly large numbers or of careful counts.
- D : Records of migrants where DATES are of interest.
- B : Records of BREEDING interest, from new or unusual areas or involving interesting numerical elements.
- M : Records of MISCELLANEOUS interest.

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AFROTROPICAL AND OCEANIC SPECIES

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes

Podiceps nigricollis Black-necked Grebe R: 250+ L. Bogoria 12 Jan and many 21 Feb; 500+ L. Nakuru 5 Aug, 300+ there 8 Nov and 15 on 20 Nov; a few L. Naivasha 15-16 Nov; 10+ Limuru 17 Nov (DKR, TS, DAT, DEW).

PROCELLARIIDAE: Petrels, shearwaters

Pachyptila vittata Broad-billed Prion S(A): 1 found dead Watamu 16 Aug was assigned to the race *desolata* (formerly the Dove Prion) (per DAT, DJP).

The second record of this species for Kenya and East Africa. See also Scopous 8: 43-44.

PHAETHONTIDAE: Tropicbirds

Phaethon lepturus White-tailed Tropicbird S(B): single adults off Shimoni or Funzi 4 Jan, 6 Feb, 19 and 21 Mar, 25 Sep and 10 Oct (PH, MH).

SULIDAE: Boobies

Sula dactylatra Masked Booby R: an immature off Shimoni 8 Jan (PH, MH).

Sula leucogaster Brown Booby S(B): an adult off Shimoni 10 Sep (PH, MH).

FREGATIDAE: Frigatebirds

Fregata sp. Singles off Watamu late Mar (DS) and 20 Nov (DJF, DAT).

ARDEIDAE: Herons, bitterns, egrets

Ixobrychus minutus paysii Little Bittern R: singles of this race

Nairobi NP 9 Jan and 13 Feb (DKR) and Baringo 15 Sep (JRPC).

1 attracted to lights Kilima Tea Factory (Mufindi, T) 10 May (AJB, EMB). 1 on pools Sokoke forest 3 Jan (JM et al.) was not racially assigned.

Ixobrychus sturmii Dwarf Bittern R: 1 near Olorgesailie 31 Oct (DAT).

Ardeola idae Madagascar Squacco Heron R: recorded from Limuru, Thika, Nairobi and Mara GR 19 May-10 Aug, mostly singles but up to 11 Thika OPs (KDR, DJP). 1 Ngorongoro (T) 15 Oct (DAT).

Ardeola rufiventris Rufous-bellied Heron R: in S Tanzania, 2-4 Kihanga Dam (Mufindi) 14-24 Oct and 1 Mbarali Rice Scheme 27 Oct (AJB, EMB, PJG).

Egretta ardesiaca Black Heron R: records of small numbers Gazi, Diani, L. Jipe and L. Bilisa (MACC, DJP, TS, DAT). 1 Port Victoria 12 Feb (DJP), up to 13 Baringo Nov-mid Mar (TS, DEW) and 4 Ferguson's Gulf 23-24 Jan (TS). In Tanzania, small numbers throughout year Msaseni beach, Dar es Salaam (AJB, EMB) and 3 L. Jipe 20 Aug (KMH, CAM).

Egretta gularis African Reef Heron R: singles Mida 3 Jan, Ngomeni 26 Mar and Ferguson's Gulf 24 Jan (JM, DJP, TS).

CICONIIDAE: Storks

Anastomas lamelligerus Open-billed Stork E: 2 Nairobi NP 2 Jun (DKR).

Ciconia episcopus Woolly-necked Stork E: 1 Nairobi NP 10 Apr, 2 on 2 Jun and 6 on 4 Oct (DKR).

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibises, spoonbills

Plegadis falcinellus Glossy Ibis B: c.100 pairs Bahi swamp, W of Dodoma (T) 6 Apr (CCHE).

Platalea alba African Spoonbill B: c.20 pairs Bahi swamp, Dodoma (T) 6 Apr (CCHE).

PHENICOPTERIDAE: Flamingos

Phoenicopterus ruber Greater Flamingo E: 300+ Naivasha Aug-Oct (DKR). In Uganda, 10-11 Katwe, Rwenzori NP, Oct-Nov (DEP).

Phoeniconaias minor Lesser Flamingo B: rafts of several thousand non-flying juveniles L. Natron (T) 28 Jun (CCHE). E: 40+ Katwe, Rwenzori NP (U), 11-13 Nov (DEP).

ANATIDAE: Ducks and geese

Dendrocygna bicolor Fulvous Whistling Duck N: 400+ Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb and 400+ L. Solai 15 Jan (DJP).

Nettapus auritus Pygmy Goose R: several Witu 22 Jan, and on S Kenya coast 16 Ngogoni Dam 1 Apr and 5 Ramisi 30 Sep (MACC).

Up to 10 Kihanga Dam (Mufindi, T) Sep-Dec (AJB, EMB, PJC).

ACCIPITRIDAE: Birds of Prey

Gypohierax angolensis Palm-nut Vulture E: seen occasionally Meru NP Sep-Dec, with one pair nest-building Oct (DKR).

Accipiter minullus Little Sparrowhawk E: in Tanzania, several throughout year Mufindi district (AJB, EMB), singles Msimba (Kilosa; 6:44S, 37:04E) 2, 17 and 20 Oct (LDCF) and 1 Dar es Salaam 1 Nov (AJB, EMB). In Kenya, records from Baringo 3 Feb (TS) and near Nginyang 7 Mar (JH) were unusual.

Accipiter ovampensis Ovampo Sparrowhawk E: 1 near Kabarnet 16 Jan (TS).

Aquila verreauxi Verreaux's Eagle E: in Tanzania, 2 adults and an immature Ruaha NP mid Apr (EMB); an adult and an immature Songea-Njombe Road (PS).

Butastur rufipennis Grasshopper Buzzard R: recorded to 2 Apr and from 18 Oct from interior E and SE Kenya; also 1 Kinangop at 2500 m on 4 Feb (DJP) and 1 Baringo 18 Mar (TS). In Tanzania, 1 Same 3 Feb (EMB); 1 Kimamba-Morogoro 1 Jan and 1 Makuyuni 2 Feb (LDCF).

Aviceda cuculoides Cuckoo Hawk R: singles Tigon 8 Jan (JBH, LH), Langata, Nairobi 14 Mar (DKR). In Tanzania 1-2 Msimba (Kilosa) 22, 23 and 29 Sep (LDCF).

Chelictinia riocourii Swallow-tailed Kite R: an unusual influx occurred in E Kenya during Jan-Mar, with parties of up to 5 birds together on coast south to Vipingo, and several records Galana Ranch (many observers). In central Kenya a roost of c.150 was present Solio Ranch 31 Mar-1 Apr (DJP). Singles Ngobit and Meru NP in Aug and Saguta Marmar in Nov; up to 4 Timau in Nov (DJP, DAT, DEW).

Macheiramphus alcinus Bat Hawk R: records from Diani (Feb), Shimoni (Mar), Rhamu (Jun), Mweiga (Jul), Baringo (throughout year) and Samburu (Mar-Nov) (MACC, ADL, EJ, TS). In Tanzania, a pair Usa R (Arusha) Sep (DAT).

FALCONIDAE: Falcons

Falco alopex Fox Kestrel R: 5+ pairs Kamathia (N Turkana) apparently prospecting nesting cliffs 25-27 Feb (ADL, DJP).

Falco cuvieri African Hobby E: 1 Baringo 4 Jan (TS) was unusual there. In Tanzania, 1 Mufindi 16 Dec (AJB) and 1 Kimamba (Kilosa) 11 Oct (LDCF).

Falco rupicoloides White-eyed Kestrel E: 1 Kamathia (N Turkana) 26 Feb (DJP).

PHASIANIDAE: Quails and francolins

Ptilopachus petrosus Stone Partridge E: 4+ Kongolai escarpment 24 Apr (TS). Calling Timau 9 Dec (MACC).

TURNICIDAE: Button Quails

Ortyxelos meiffreni Quail Plover R: 2 Galana Ranch 12 Mar (MACC, ADL, DJP).

Turnix sylvatica Button Quail E: 2 6 km S of Kapedo 27 Jan (ADL, TS).

GRUIDAE: Cranes

Crus carunculatus Wattled Crane R: 2 pairs 20 km W of Mbarali (T) 10 Mar (CCHE).

RALLIDAE: Rails, crakes

Crex egregia African Crake R: 12 birds at night at the lights of Kilima Tea Factory (T) 25 Apr-22 May (8 on 3 May) (AJB, EMB). 1 Dar es Salaam 9 Jul (NEB, KMH, WGH).

Gallinula angulata Lesser Moorhen D, M: one caught at night at Ngulia 22 Dec (GCB).

Porphyrio alleni Allen's Gallinule R: away from Kenya coast, a few Siport (Busia) 12 May (DAT); 30+ Baringo Jan-Jun and a few Aug (DKR, TS).

Porzana marginalis Striped Crake R: at lights of Kilima Tea Factory (T) a female 2 May, 2 immatures 5 May and a male 28 Dec (AJB, EMB).

Porzana pusilla Lesser Spotted Crake R: 1 resident at the Ark, Aberdare NP during Aug (DKR).

Sarothrura elegans Buff-spotted Pygmy Crake R: male caught and photographed Mara River Camp, Mara GR 14 Dec (DKR).

Sarothrura boehmi Streaky-breasted Pygmy Crake R: 3 males and 1 female attracted to lights of Kilima Tea Factory (T) 2-5 May, and another female, in moult, on 6 Jun (AJB, EMB).

Sarothrura rufa Red-chested Pygmy Crake R: common and calling from swamps around Mumias, Kaimosi, Kapsabet and Timboroa 10-13 May (DAT)

OTIDIDAE: Bustards

Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard R: singles Lemek, Mara GR 11 and 14 Nov (DAT). 4 Inendi (Mufindi, T) Aug-Dec (AJB, EMB).

JACANIDAE: Jacanas

Microparra capensis Lesser Jacana E: resident on lakes and dams Mufindi District (T); recorded also 40 km SW of Iringa (T) (AJB, EMB, PJG).

ROSTRATULIDAE: Painted Snipe

Rostratula benghalensis Painted Snipe R: records from Port Victoria (Feb), Moyale (6 birds, Mar), Nakuru (Mar) and near Mbita, Rusinga I (Feb) (LDCF, ADL, DJP, DAT).

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers

Vanellus melanopterus Black-winged Plover N: 500+ Mara GR 26 Nov (DEW).

DROMADIDAE: Crab Plover

Dromas ardeola Crab Plover N: away from Mida, large counts included 220 Msambweni 4 Jan and c.90 Kipini 21-22 Jan (DJP). 1 Magadi 1 Sep is the first inland record (JBH, LH, WL).

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Avocets, stilts

Recurvirostra avosetta Avocet E: 2 at small coastal dam Likoni 21 Oct (MACC, DJP). 12 on 11 Nov and 14 on 13 Nov at Katwe, Rwenzori NP, constitutes only the second record for Uganda (DEP).

GLAREOLIDAE: Coursers, pratincoles

Rhinoptilis chalcopterus Violet-tipped Courser R: 1 Ruaha NP (T) 16 Apr and 2 on 30 Jun (EMB).

LARIDAE: Gulls, terns

Larus cirrocephalus Grey-headed Gull N: unusually large numbers L. Nakuru during Jan, with 5000+ counted on 14th (JHF, DJP).

Anous stolidus Common Noddy R: recorded off Watamu/Malindi in Feb, Apr and Nov, with 8 Watamu 10 Apr (MACC, DJP). 1 off Tiwi 9 Apr (DJP).

Sterna albifrons Little Tern N: c.4000 counted Sabaki Oct and Dec (DJP). c.800 in breeding plumage mid-Apr (DJP) all appeared to be of the race *saundersi*. E: inland, 1 Baringo 8-12 Dec (TS) and a few Lakes Bilisa and Shakobabo late Jan (MACC, DJP).

Sterna anaethetus Bridled Tern R: 20+ off Watamu 10 Apr (DAT).

Sterna dougallii Roseate Tern NMD: 100 in breeding plumage Tiwi 13 May, up to 90+ Galu Jul-Oct with many copulating Jul-Aug. 10 Ras Ngomeni 21 Oct and 50 off Malindi 28 Oct (MACC).

Sterna fuscata Sooty Tern R: an immature Ngomeni 26 Mar (MACC,DJP).

Sterna repressa White-cheeked Tern R: 1 Malindi 4 Jan (JM); 1 Watamu 10 Apr and up to 20 Tiwi 8-13 Apr in partial/full breeding plumage (DJP). 70 Kisite 21 Apr; 100s moving S Diani 18 Jun and 200 25 Jun; up to 10 Galu Jul-Aug (MACC). 1 Ngomeni 21 Oct and 3 Malindi 28 Dec (MACC).

RYNCHOPIDAE: Skimmers

Rynchops flavirostris African Skimmer R: 40 Shakobabo 24 Jan and 20 on 25 Mar; 1 Nakuru 20 Nov; 25 Sabaki 2 Jan and 20 on 2 Dec; up to 10 frequent Baringo throughout year (MACC, TS, DEW). In Tanzania, up to 6 Ruaha Aug and Nov (AJB).

PTEROCLIDAE: Sandgrouse

Pterocles quadricinctus Four-banded Sandgrouse R: 1000+ flighting to small spring at Kamathia (N Turkana) after dusk 25-26 Feb (ADL, IPJL, DJP).

There are few recent records of this species from Kenya - see Scopos 8: 46-48.

COLUMBIDAE: Pigeons, doves

Columba delegorguei Bronze-naped Pigeon E: a juvenile Diani 5 Apr (MACC).

Columba guinea Speckled Pigeon N: c.200 Laisamis 8 Jun (ADL, TS).

Streptopelia decipiens Mourning Dove E: 1 Kampala 13-14 May (MJC).

Treron waalia Bruce's Green Pigeon E: 2 Rhamu 9 Jun (ADL, TS).

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, coucals

Cercococcyx montanus Barred Long-tailed Cuckoo R: calling continuously Mufindi District (T) Jan-May and Oct-Dec (AJB, EMB).

Clamator glandarius Great Spotted Cuckoo R: Kenya records from Baringo and Tsavo East (Jan), Athi River (Jan and Mar), Isinya (Apr), Mwea-Tabere Rice Scheme (Apr), Nairobi (Oct), Meru (Nov) and Kitui (Dec) (JRPC, LDCF, DJP, TS, DAT). 2 Ruaha NP (T) 3 Feb (EMB). 1 Entebbe 14-15 Jan (MJC, AS).

Clamator jacobinus Black and White Cuckoo R: recorded Tsavo East (Jan); Athi River (Apr), Tsavo West (May), Vuma (Apr - black phase) and Ngomeni (Jun). Again in Tsavo West from 17 Nov with many Ngulia mid-Dec; also calling and displaying Kitui 9 Dec when 1 newly fledged juv seen. Nov records also from Samburu, Baringo and Meru NP (JRPC, LDCF, DJP, DAT, DEW). In Tanzania, 4 Ruaha NP 15 Apr (EMB).

Clamator levaillanti Levallant's Cuckoo R: Kenya records from Bondo (Siaya) in Apr (LDCF), and from Wamba, Maralal, Mara GR, Naivasha and Watamu in Nov (DAT, DEW). Singles Ruaha NP (T) 15 Jan and 16 Apr (EMB).

Cuculus clamosus Black Cuckoo R: 1 Koobi Fora 13-14 Oct (FA). Recorded Kakamega Aug and Nov; calling Tsavo West mid-late Nov and in Kitui Dec. Nov records also from Isiolo, Samburu, Nakuru and Naivasha, with juv being fed by Tropical Boubou *Laniarius ferrugineus* Naivasha 3 Nov; 1 Amboseli 27 Dec (DJP, DKR, DAT, DEW). Heard 23 Oct and daily in Dec Songea-Njombe Road (T) (PS); 1 Msimba (Kilosa, T) 22 Jan (LDCF).

Cuculus gularis African Cuckoo R: recorded Mara CR (Jan), Ngorongoro (T), Bissel and Kajiado in Apr, Moyale (Nov) and Naivasha (Nov) (various observers).

Cuculus poliocephalus rochii R: singles attracted to lights Kilima Tea Factory (T) 24 Apr and 1 May (AJB, EMB).

Pachycoccyx audeberti Thick-billed Cuckoo R: 1 Witu 23 Jan (MACC, DJP) 1 in miombo at Msimba (Kilosa, T) 14 Oct (LDCF).

Centropus grillii Black Coucal R: 1 Mikumi NP (T) in breeding plumage 20 Mar (AJB, EMB).

TYTONIDAE: Barn Owls

Tyto capensis Cape Grass Owl R: 1 Mufindi (T) 3 May (EMB, KMH).

STRIGIDAE: Owls

Otus leucotis White-faced Scops Owl R: at least 3 pairs Baringo within 5km of each other throughout the year (TS). 1 N of Kitale 21 Nov (JRPC).

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Nightjars

Caprimulgus clarus Slender-tailed Nightjar R: 7 ringed at Ngulia on 19, 21 and 23 Nov (GCB, DJP).

Caprimulgus donaldsoni Donaldson-Smith's Nightjar R: 6 ringed at Ngulia between 18 and 29 Nov (GCB, DJP).

Caprimulgus inornatus Plain Nightjar R: 6 ringed at Ngulia between 16 and 22 Nov (GCB, DJP).

Caprimulgus tristigma Freckled Nightjar RE: records included 1 Maralal 16 Nov, c.10 Kito Pass, NW of Baringo, 22 Mar and 1 Baringo 3 Nov (JB, TS, DEW).

Macrodipteryx longipennis Standard-winged Nightjar R: a male in breeding plumage Baringo 10-14 Jan (TS).

Macrodipteryx vexillarius Pennant-winged Nightjar R: a female Kisumu 7 Aug (DAT).

APODIDAE: Swifts

Apus berliozi Forbes-Watson's Swift R: a few over Sokoke-Mida 21 Nov (DF, DAT). c.20 all dark brown medium sized swifts with a harsh trilling call seen at Mida at dusk 15 Dec were assumed to be this species (MACC, DJP) as were up to 4 Diani last week Dec (DJP).

COLIIDAE: Mousebirds

Colius leucocephalus White-headed Mousebird E: 15+ near Tiva River, N part of Galana Ranch 11 Mar (MACC, ADL, DJP).

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfishers

Halcyon albiventris Brown-hooded Kingfisher E: 1 Baringo 7-15 Jan (TS).

MEROPIDAE: Bee-eaters

Merops hirundineus Swallow-tailed Bee-eater D: occurred in S Tanzania (Ruaha NP, Madibera, Songea-Njombe Road, Mbuyuni-Malolo (c.7:20S, 36:30E)) from 16 Jun-25 Sep (EMB, LDCF, EA de L, PS).

Merops nubicus Carmine Bee-eater N: 1000+ roosting in mangroves at Mida 25 Mar (MACC, DJP).

CORACIIDAE: Rollers

Coracias abyssinicus Abyssinian Roller E: 1 at the Ark, Aberdares NP 5 Jul and 1 Nakuru 7 Jul (DKR).

Coracias caudatus Lilac-breasted Roller NM: the nominate race disappeared from many parts of central and eastern Kenya during the very dry early months of the year, and was replaced in these areas by the northern race *lorti*. The latter was widespread and in places common in central and SE Kenya Feb-mid Apr, south to Shimba, Kasigau, Tsavo, Emali, Kajiado and Nairobi, with 50+ seen on the Galana Ranch 10-13 Mar (MACC, ADL, DJP, DKR).

Coracias naevia Rufous-crowned Roller N: particularly common and widespread central and eastern Kenya during the dry period Jan-Apr (MACC, ADL, DJP et al.). E: 1 Witu 23 Jan and 1 Ngomeni 26 Mar would seem to be the first records for the coast (MACC, DJP).

BUCEROTIDAE: Hornbills

Tockus pallidirostris Pale-billed Hornbill R: 10-15 resident in miombo at Msimba (Kilosa, T) 16 Sep-31 Oct (LDCF).

Bucorvus cafer Ground Hornbill E: 2 Dar es Salaam 15 Jan (KMH).

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers, wrynecks

Dendropicos poecilolaemus Uganda Spotted Woodpecker E: 1 Usengi 24 Sep (LDCF).

Dendropicos stierlingi Stierling's Woodpecker R: in S Tanzania frequent in Madaba area, c.10 S 35½ E (Songea) (EMB, EA de L, PS).

Picoides obsoletus Brown-backed Woodpecker R: male drumming Karen 21-22 Apr, and 1 Langata 1 Oct (DKR). No other records received.

PITTIDAE: Pittas

Pitta angolensis African Pitta R: a total of 40 attracted to lights and caught and ringed at Kilima Tea Factory (T) 22 Apr-5 May, max. 7 in one night (AJB, EMB).

ALAUDIDAE: Larks

Mirafra pulpa Friedmann's Bush Lark S(B): c.6 Kamathia (N Turkana) in patchy 0.5m high grassland 26 Feb (DJP, ADL). Tens of birds in dry grassland and scattered bush 5-30 km south of Kapedo 5 Mar (DJP) remained to mid Apr (TS, DAT, JH).

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows

Hirundo aethiopica Ethiopian Swallow B: breeding at El Karama Ranch, Laikipia (LG, ADL).

The first inland breeding record since the 1940s.

Hirundo atrocaerulea Blue Swallow RD: common over grassland Mufindi District (T) up to 10 May and from 21 Sep, max 20 (EMB, AJB).

Hirundo senegalensis Mosque Swallow E: 1 Moyale 28 Mar (FJMcC, ADL).

CORVIDAE: Crows

Corvus capensis Cape Rook E: 1 10 km W on Kangundo 27 Dec (ADL).

TIMALIIDAE: Babblers

Turdoides hindei Hinde's Pied Babbler E: 3 edge of Meru NP near Maua 3 Nov (DAT).

Turdoides squamulatus Scaly Babbler M: common in riverine habitat at Rhamu, mid Jun. Birds showed partially white heads and appeared intermediate between nominate birds and *T.s. carolinae* (ADL, IJPL, TS, EJL).

CAMPEPHAGIDAE: Cuckoo Shrikes

Coracina pectoralis White-breasted Cuckoo Shrike R: in S Tanzania, frequent near Madaba (Songea) (AJB, EMB, EA de L, PJG, PS). Also 1-2 Msimba (Kilosa) Sep-Oct and 1 Kilenjezi, E Ulugurus, Sep (LDCF).

PHYCNONOTIDAE: Greenbuls

Phyllastrephus strepitans Northern Brownbul E: common at Moyale Jun (FJMcC, ADL).

TURDIDAE: Thrushes

Cichladusa arquata Morning Thrush E: 1 singing Kipini 22 Jan (MACC,DJP).

Cercomela scotocerca Brown-tailed Rock Chat E: a few NW of Laisamis
11 Jan (ADL, TS). A few at Kapedo throughout the year (TS).

Cossypha natalensis Red-capped Robin Chat E: 3+ in forest 3 km N of
Kabarnet (alt. 1800m) 16 Jan (TS).

Dryocichloides lowei Iringa Ground Robin R: 1 netted Luhoto (Mufindi
T) 9 May, and 2 more same site 10 May (AJB, EMB, KMH).

Dryocichloides anomalus Olive-flanked Ground Robin R: 1 netted Luhoto
(Mufindi, T) 11 May (AJB, EMB, KMH).

Monticola angolensis Miombo Rock Thrush R: common resident Mahanje
(NW Songea, T) from Jun onwards (PJG).

Oenanthe pileata Capped Wheatear D: several Makambako-Njombe Road (T)
11 Apr (EMB).

Turdus litsipsirupa Groundscraper Thrush RD: 1 Poroto Mts (T) Jul (ES)

SYLVIIDAE: Warblers

Cisticola juncidis Zitting Cisticola EN: common at Rhamu Jun (ADL,
TS).

Eremomela icteropygialis Yellow-bellied Eremomela E: 1 Moyale
18 Jul (FJMcC, ADL).

Heliolais erythroptera Red-winged Warbler R: E Tanzanian records from
Mahanje area (NW Songea, T) May, Nov, Dec and Msimba (Kilosa, T)
where quite common Jan and Sep-Oct (LDCF, PJG, PS).

Hyliota flavigaster Yellow-bellied Hyliota R: Tanzanian records
from Mahanje Madaba area (NW Songea) Jul-Oct and Msimba (Kilosa)
Sep (LDCF, EA de L, PS).

Sylvietta isabellina Somali Long-billed Crombec E: several N edge of
Galana Ranch 11-12 Mar (MACC, ADL, DJP).

MUSCICAPIDAE: Flycatchers

Melaenornis edolioides Black Flycatcher B: an adult feeding two juvs
Moyale Jun (FJMcC, ADL).

First confirmed Kenya breeding of the race schistacea.

Muscicapa gambagae Gambaga Flycatcher S(B): 1 NE border Galana Ranch
12 Mar (MACC, ADL, DJP).

Muscicapa chapini Chapin's Flycatcher R: further records from usual
site at Kakamega 15 Jul and 10 Nov (TS, DAT).

Myopornis boehmi Böhm's Flycatcher S(B): recorded in S Tanzania from
miombo woodland at Madaba in the Mahanje area (NW Songea) Jul-Aug
(AJB, EMB, PJG).

Batis orientalis Grey-headed Batis R: 2 NW of Laisamis 11 Jun (ADL,
TS).

Erannornis albicauda White-tailed Blue Flycatcher RB: a pair
building at Karatu (T) 16 Sep (DAT).

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails, pipits

Anthus similis Long-billed Pipit E: several Kamathia (N Turkana) Feb (ADL, DJP).

Tmetothylacus tenellus Golden Pipit E: singles at Koritei 27 Nov and between Nginyang and Loruk 16 Apr were well W of the normal range (JH).

MALACONOTIDAE: Bush Shrikes

Dryoscopus pringlii Pringle's Puffback E: 2 Dachadima, N part of Galana Ranch 13 Mar (DJP, MACC).

Laniarius mufumbiri Papyrus Gonolek R: several calling and 1 seen Usengi 12 Feb (DJP) and 1 on 24 Sep (LDCF).

Laniarius ruficeps Rufous-naped Bush Shrike R: 2 pairs found Dachadima, N part of Galana Ranch, 10-13 Mar (DJP, MACC). A few 5 km E of Ngulia airstrip Tsavo West NP, mid Nov-early Dec (DJP, JHF, MGK).

LANIIDAE: Shrikes

Corvinella melanoleuca Magpie Shrike M: 4 Cottars' Camp, Mara GR 1 Dec (DAT).

Lanius somalicus Somali Fiscal E: recorded from Baragoi northwards to South Horr early Nov (AEB, DJP). A few apparently resident Kapedo (TS).

Lanius souzae Souza's Shrike R: records from S Tanzania in the Madaba-Mahanje area (NW Songea) Jun-Sep (EMB, EA de L, PS, PJG).

PRIONOPIDAE: Helmet Shrikes

Prionops scopifrons Chestnut-fronted Helmet Shrike E: 10 Mgongoni, Ugweno, N Pare Mts (T) at 1200 m 20 Aug (KMH, CAM).

STURNIDAE: Starlings

Spreo shelleyi Shelley's Starling E: 2 near McKinnon Road 19 Aug (DAT) were at the southern limit of their range.

NECTARINIIDAE: Sunbirds

Nectarinia habessinica Shining Sunbird RE: resident at Kapedo (TS). A few at Ramu 10 Jun (ADL, IJPL, TS).

Nectarinia manoensis Miombo Double-collared Sunbird R: male Mufindi District (T) 16 Dec (AJB).

Nectarinia nectarinioides Smaller Black-bellied Sunbird E: a few Ramu 10 Jun (ADL, TS).

Nectarinia pembae Violet-breasted Sunbird E: common in northern parts of the Galana Ranch 10-13 Mar (ADL, DJP, MACC).

PLOCEIDAE: Weavers

Anaplectes rubriceps Red-headed Weaver E: 1 6 km W of Kisumu 25 Nov (JHF, TS).

Ploceus auranteus Orange Weaver R: 1 6 km W of Kisumu 25 Nov (JHF, TS)..

Ploceus oliveiceps Olive-headed Golden Weaver R: pair Madaba (T) 23 Oct (EA de L).

Ploceus superciliosus Compact Weaver R: a group near Port Victoria
12 Feb (DJP, JHF), 1 near Kakamega 7 Aug (DAT) and 1 Usengi 24
Sep (LDCF).

Quelea erythrops Red-headed Quelea B: colonies E and NE of Kilosa
7 May (CCHE).

Plocepasser superciliosus Chestnut-crowned Sparrow Weaver BE: several
pairs breeding Kampi ya Kavuli, E shore L. Turkana 9 Oct (CF).

Passer castanopterus Somali Sparrow R: 14 Korr 8 Jun (ADL, TS); 25-30
Laisamis 11 Jun (ADL, TS); 30-100+ at Kapado throughout year (JH,
TS).

*These are the only two sites in Kenya where the species is known
as a town resident.*

Passer domesticus House Sparrow E: a few pairs now resident in main-
land Tanzania at Dar es Salaam (KMH, CAM).

Vidua hypocherina Steel-blue Whydah E: 1 Ramu 10 Jun (ADL, IJPL, EJR,
TS). At least 2 males 30 km S of Kitui 9 Dec (DJP).

Vidua obtusa Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah R: male in breeding plumage
in miombo at Madaba (NW Songea, T) 18 Jul (EMB).

ESTRILDIDAE: Waxbills, etc.

Pyrenestes minor Lesser Seed-cracker E: 5+ Luhoto Dam (Mufindi, T)
31 Dec (EMB).

FRINGILLIDAE: Buntings, canaries, seed-eaters

Emberiza striolata House Bunting E: common on rocky hillsides at
Kamathia (N Turkana) late Feb (ADL, IJPL, DJP).

*There are practically no previous records from Kenya W of Lake
Turkana.*

Serinus menelli Black-eared Seed-eater E: recorded regularly in small
groups in miombo along the Njombe-Songea road (T) Jun-Dec (EMB, NEB,
PJG, EA de L, PS).

Serinus reichardi Stripe-breasted Seed-eater R: S Tanzanian records:
Mahanje and Madaba (NW Songea) (PJG, EA de L).

PALAEARCTIC SPECIES

Ciconia nigra Black Stork R: records of 1-2 Nairobi NP up to 7 Apr
and from 15 Oct, and 3 Athi River 3 Apr; singles Kapado Mar and Nov
and Mara GR 23 Oct-Dec (JHF, JH, DJP, DKR, DAT). ED: 1 Baringo
25 Aug (TS). In Tanzania, 1 Ngorongoro 1 Apr (JRPC).

Anas acuta Pintail N: c.800 Solai 15 Jan; c.1400 Makuyu 29 Jan (DJP).
E: singles Witu 23 Jan and Shakababo 24 Jan (MACC, DJP).

Anas clypeata Shoveler ND: c.4000 NE corner L. Nakuru Jan had mostly
departed mid Feb; c.2200 already back there by 27 Oct, reaching
well over 5000 by end of year (JHF, DJP, DAT).

Anas crecca Teal R: very few records: 2+ Solai 11 Jan, 1 Ahero 11 Feb
and 2 Naivasha 31 Dec (DJP, JHF, DKR).

- Anas penelope* Wigeon R: few records: 3+ Solai 15 Jan, 1 Ol Bolossat 28 Jan and 5 there 18 Feb and 3 Mar, 1 Ahero 11 Feb, 1 Mara GR 14 Dec and 1 Ol Bolossat 15 Dec (MACC, JHF, DJP).
- Anas querquedula* Garganey N: c.3000 Makuyu 29 Jan; c.1200 Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb (JHF, DJP).
- Aythya fuligula* Tufted Duck R: singles Maralal 6 Mar (DJP) and Nakuru 21 Nov (DEW).
- Circus macrourus* Pallid Harrier D: early birds at Kapedo 28 Sep (JH) and Dandora 29 Sep (DJP). A late bird Makambako (Njombe, T) 11 Apr (AJB, EMB).
- Circus pygargus* Montagu's Harrier N: very common at Kamathia (N Turkana) with over 20 present late Feb (DJP, ADL). D: early bird at Kapedo 18 Sep (JH). Late birds Vanga (S coast) 11 Apr and Athi Plains 15 Apr (DJP, MACC).
- Aquila pomarina* Lesser Spotted Eagle R: recorded in Kenya to 13 Feb and from 30 Oct, with winter (Jan-Feb) records from Nakuru, Kinangop Njoro, Kericho and Baringo (AEB, JHF, DJP, DKR, TS, DEW). In Tanzania, 17 at termite hatch Ngwasi (Mufindi) 22 Mar (AJB, EMB), and singles Msimba (Kilosa) 16 and 19 Oct (LDCF).
- Buteo buteo* Common Buzzard D: first autumn bird Nairobi 26 Sep (DJP).
- Hieraaetus pennatus* Booted Eagle R: 20 records of 1-2 birds from Kenya mostly N and E of the highlands, up to 22 Feb and from 20 Oct (many observers). Also 1 Entebbe (U) 14 Jan (MJC, AS); singles Songea-Njombe (T) 28 Oct and 7 Nov (PS).
- Pernis apivorus* Honey Buzzard R: singles Kampala 5, 12 and 18 Oct (MJC). 1 Sokoke 4 Dec (DEW); 1 Kakamega 7 Aug (WR, DAT) was presumably overwintering.
- Falco amurensis* Eastern Red-footed Falcon R: 60+ Ngwasi (Mufindi, T) 22 Mar (AJB, EMB). 3 Nairobi NP 23 Mar (DKR) and 2 Mrima Hill (S coast) 11 Apr (MACC, DJP). Flocks of up to c.80 near Ngulia, Tsavo West NP, 17-25 Nov (several observers).
- Falco concolor* Sooty Falcon R: 1 Makuyu 29 Apr (DJP). Singles Mountain Lodge, Kiganjo 2 Nov, Meru NP 4 Nov and Ngulia 24 and 26 Nov (MACC, DJF, MGK, DJP, DAT).
- Falco naumanni* Lesser Kestrel E: 3 E of Garsen 21 Jan; 50+ Vipingo 10 Mar. D: a late flock of c.20 Mwea-Tabere Rice Scheme 29 Apr (DJP). *This species is unusual at the coast.*
- Falco peregrinus calidus* Peregrine R: at coast, singles Malindi 4 Jan and Shimoni 23 Dec presumed to have been this race (MACC).
- Falco eleonora* Eleonora's Falcon S(B): 1 Kapedo 27 Jan (ADL, TS) is the first 'winter' record. 2 Mountain Lodge 2 Nov (DAT, DF) and 1 L. Baringo 19 Dec.
- Falco subbuteo* Hobby N: 60+ Ngwasi (Mufindi, T) 22 Mar (AJB, EMB). D: a late bird Nairobi NP 6 May (DAT).

Crex crex Corncrake R: singles Ngulia 17 Nov (DJP) and 22 Dec (GCB).
1 attracted to lights Kilima Tea Factory (T) 22 Mar and another
26 Nov (AJB, EMB).

Haematopus ostralegus Oystercatcher R: 1-2 Galu Beach Jan-Feb, and
1 Kipini 22 Jan (MACC, DJP).

Charadrius alexandrinus Kentish Plover S(B): c.10 Ferguson's Gulf
23-25 Jan (TS). 1 L. Nakuru 10 Feb (JHF, DJP). 2-3 Kipini 21-22
Jan and 1 on small dam at Likoni 21 Oct (MACC, DJP).
*This species appears to be an annual winter visitor to Ferguson's
Gulf, but including the above there are still only nine records
(all Kenyan) from elsewhere. These are the first definite
records from the coast.*

Charadrius dubius Little Ringed Plover R: records from central and
eastern Kenya to 20 Mar and from 4 Nov with max 20+ Tana Bridge
19 Feb (several observers). Also 1 Moyale 27 Mar (ADL).

Pluvialis dominica Lesser Golden Plover S(B): 5 L. Bilisa 23 Jan
(MACC, DJP).

Limosa lapponica Bar-tailed Godwit R: 1 Mida 3 Jan and 2 there 25
Mar (several observers). Records of up to 4 Kenya coast Sep-Dec,
also 1 Kunduchi Beach, Dar es Salaam 19 Sep. E: inland, 1
Ferguson's Gulf 24 Jan (TS).

Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit R: 33 L. Shakababo and 8 L. Bilisa
23 Jan (MACC, DJP). Up to 3 Naivasha Jan-Feb and 1 Solai 15 Jan
(DJP). c.40 Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb (JHF, DJP). Singles Sabaki
2 Jan and 21 Oct (MACC, DJP).

Numenius arquata Curlew M: recorded on coast away from Mida at
Kipini, Sabaki mouth and Diani; southward coastal passage of odd
birds noted Diani 31 Jul-21 Sep (MACC).

Numenius phaeopus Whimbrel E: inland, 6 at Katwe, Rwenzori NP (U)
11 Nov (DEP).

Tringa erythropus Spotted Redshank R: many at Dandora OPs early in
the year with max 45 on 8 Feb, decreasing to 6 on 22 Mar (several
observers). At Ahero Rice Scheme, c.145 counted 11 Feb (JHF, DJP).
Elsewhere, small numbers Jan-Feb and 1 in breeding plumage Magadi
26-27 May (DEGB, DJP).

Tringa totanus Redshank R: regular at Mida, max 10 in Dec (several
observers). Elsewhere, 1 Malindi 4 Dec (DEW), 1 Ahero Rice Scheme
11 Feb (JHF, DJP).

Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper N: 400+ Ahero Rice Scheme 11 Feb
(JHF, DJP).

Xenus cinereus Terek N: on S Kenya coast c.125 Galu Beach 4 Jan and
c.130 25 Dec, c.70 Msambweni 4 Jan (DJP). E: inland, 1 L. Nakuru
21 Nov (DEW).

Gallinago gallinago Common Snipe D: a late bird Limuru 6 May (DJP).

Gallinago media Great Snipe R: 1 L. Bilisa 23 Jan (MACC, DJP).
1 attracted to lights at night, Ngulia 21 Nov (LDCE, MGK, DJP).

Lymnocyrtus minimus Jack Snipe R: 1 L. Naivasha 15 Jan (DJP).

Calidris alba Sanderling E: one L. Naivasha 6 May (DJP).
Inland records of coastal waders are unusual in spring.

Calidris subminuta Long-toed Stint S(A): 1 Dandora OPs 20-22 Feb (ADL, DJP, DAT). 1 Malindi harbour 21 Nov (DJF, DAT, RFR et al.).
The fourth and fifth records for Kenya and East Africa and the first since 1974. There is no previous record from the coast.

Calidris temminckii Temminck's Stint R: records of small numbers central Kenya up to 21 Mar and from 27 Oct. Also 1 Ahero 26 Feb (LDCE) and 1 Mida 19 Oct (MACC, DJP).

Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper R: Max at Sabaki mouth c.65 on 15 Dec (MACC, DJP). Elsewhere, 2-3 Kipini 22 Jan and 1 caught Mida 16 Dec (DEGB, MACC, DJP).

Philomachus pugnax Ruff N: c.3000 Tana Bridge 29 Jan (DJP).

Phalaropus lobatus Red-necked Phalarope R: 24 Ferguson's Gulf 24 Jan (TS). A few Shimoni 3-6 Feb (PH, MH). c.200 at sea off Malindi 12 Feb and tens 28 Dec (MACC).

Burhinus oedicephalus Stone Curlew R: single birds Baringo 2 Jan and 25 Feb (DKR, TS, DAT).

Larus argentatus Herring Gull R: up to 40+ Malindi Jan and c.30 there early Dec (MACC, DJP, DEW). An adult *heuglini* L. Nakuru 27 Oct (DJP). In Uganda, 5 grey-backed birds Kakindu, L. Victoria 21 Oct (MJC, PV).

Larus genei Slender-billed Gull S(B): 2 adults Kipini 22 Dec (MACC, DJP). At least 6 adults L. Nakuru 14 Jan (JHF, DJP) and an immature there 28 Jan (ADL). 2 adults Ferguson's Gulf 24 Jan (TS).
There is only one previous record from the coast.

Larus ichthyaetus Great Black-headed Gull S(B): 2 Malindi and another 2 Sabaki mouth first week Jan (JM et al.). An unprecedented count of 26 at Ferguson's Gulf 23-25 Jan (TS). Otherwise, 2 Dandora OPs 7 Jan (FN, DJP) and 1 Malindi 12 Feb and 9 Apr (MACC, DJP). These records all refer to sub-adult birds.

Larus ridibundus Black-headed Gull RN: c.130 L. Nakuru 14 Jan (JHF, DJP); otherwise records of small numbers from Nakuru, Naivasha, Dandora OPs, Malindi, Sabaki, L. Shikababo and Kipini (several observers). In Uganda, 1 Katwe, Rwenzori NP 13 Nov (DEP).

Gelochelidon nilotica Gull-billed Tern N: counts of c.800 L. Nakuru 14 Jan, 400 Kipini 21-22 Jan, 130 Mida 19 Oct and 180 Mida 16 Dec (MACC, DJP).

Sterna hirundo Common Tern RND: recorded on coast in all months; largest numbers on both N and S coasts late Sep-Nov, with max 4000 Ngomeni reef 21 Oct and 4000 Sabaki mouth same day.

Sterna sandvicensis Sandwich Tern S(B): a party of 30 Kipini 21-22 Jan (MACC, DJP). 1 Ngomeni in non-breeding plumage 2 Jun (MACC, DJP).

There would seem to be no previous records of flocks on the East African seaboard north of southern Mozambique.

Cuculus poliocephalus Lesser Cuckoo R: 1 Diani 9 Apr (DJP) and 1 Sokoke Forest 21 Nov (DJF, DAT) - both presumed nominate race.

Caprimulgus europaeus Eurasian Nightjar R: several spring records from the coast: 1 caught and several others seen and presumed this species Murere (Kwale) 18 Mar (MACC), 2 dead on road Malindi-Kilifi 26 Mar and 1 Galu 27 Mar (MACC, DJP), 3 Galu 2 Apr (MACC) and 2 dead on road Shimba Hills 10 Apr (DJP). Regularly seen Ngulia 16-25 Nov (max caught 6 per night) and 1 there 1 Dec (MGK, DJP, DAT).

Merops apiaster Eurasian Bee-eater ND: hundreds at Dar es Salaam 10 Apr (KMH).

Apus apus Eurasian Swift N: many thousands Mara GR 27 Nov (DEW).

Upupa epops Hoopoe R: birds of the nominate race recorded as usual at Baringo; also 1 Kamathia (N Turkana) 26 Feb, Athi River 6 Oct, South Horr 5 Nov (DJP, TS).

Oenanthe deserti Desert Wheatear S(A): 2 full plumage males at Kiunga 17 Feb (GCB). To be documented in *Scopus*.

This constitutes a new species for East Africa. It has been recorded in Somalia to about 1 N.

Oenanthe hispanica Black-eared Wheatear S(A): a first year male of the race *melanoleuca* at Athi River 23 Mar-5 Apr was caught, ringed and photographed (DJP, DEGB, DKR).

The first acceptable record for East Africa - see Scopus 8: 50-51.

Oenanthe isabellina Isabelline Wheatear D: c.10 Athi Plains Isinya-Kajiado 15 Apr were unusually late (DJP).

Oenanthe pleschanka Pied Wheatear M: a white-throated adult male Nairobi NP 23 Mar (DKR). D: 1 Baringo 19 Apr was very late (TS).

Saxicola rubetra Whinchat ED: Kenya records as usual from Nyanza, Mara GR and the central rift valley highlands; also 1 Kamathia (N Turkana) 25 Feb, 1 Kapedo 8 Apr, 1 Meru NP 4 Nov (JH, ADL, DAT). In E Tanzania, 1 Mikumi NP 20 Mar and 1 Ngwasi (Mufindi) 14 Nov (AJB, EMB).

Acrocephalus arundinaceus Great Reed Warbler R: common (20+ found) Port Victoria 12 Feb, 1 Tana Bridge 20 Feb, singles Athi River 12-18 Apr, up to 12+ Baringo early-mid Apr, 1-3+ Kariobangi, Nairobi 26 Apr-8 May, one remaining to 21 May (DJP, TS) and several South Horr late Apr (YM-C). Singles Baringo 20 Nov and Ngulia 21 Nov (DJP, DEW).

Acrocephalus griseldis Basra Reed Warbler R: a few L. Bilisa 23-24 Jan (DJP). 2-3 Baringo 10-12 Apr (TS). Recorded Ngulia 18 Nov-22 Dec, and 35 ringed (GCB, MGK, DJP).

The first occurrence in spring rift valley passage movements, and the first record from western Kenya. There are three autumn records from Uganda.

Acrocephalus palustris Marsh Warbler E: no wintering records in the dry conditions of Jan-Mar. Widespread in small numbers at the coast 8-12 Apr, recorded from Diani, Galu, Kikambala, Takaungu, Shimba and Tiwi. 1 Athi River 15 Apr and 1-2 Kariobangi, Nairobi, 26 Apr-8 May (DJP). In Nov singles recorded from new passage localities at South Horr 5 Nov (AEB, DJP) and Loyengalani 7 Nov (GCB).

Acrocephalus schoenobaenus Sedge Warbler DM: a particularly heavy northward passage through central Kenya mid Apr-early May (including Nakuru, Baringo, Naivasha and the Nairobi/Thika areas). Birds remained until 21 May at Limuru and 24 May at Kariobangi (DJP).

Acrocephalus scirpaceus Reed Warbler D: unusually late birds at Baringo 11 May and Limuru 19 May (DJP, TS).

Hippolais icterina Icterine Warbler R: 1 caught and ringed Ngulia 29 Nov (GCB, JHF, MCK).

Only the third record from this site.

Hippolais languida Upcher's Warbler E: singles at Kamathia (N Turkana) 26 Feb and Kapedo 5 Mar (DJP) and Moyale 27 Mar (ADL) were from new localities; 1 Baringo 2 Feb and up to 5 daily mid-late Feb were unusual (TS). N: very abundant Galana Ranch mid Mar (DJP), with over 100 seen in one day in the northeast.

Hippolais olivetorum Olive-tree Warbler R: 1-2 Maralal 4 Nov (AEB, DJP). 22 caught and ringed Ngulia 18-29 Nov and 2 there on the unusually late date of 22 Dec (GCB, MGK, DJP).

Locustella fluviatilis River Warbler R: 70 ringed Ngulia 16 Nov-22 Dec (GCB, MGK, DJP). 1 10 km N of Kitui 9 Dec (DJP).

Phylloscopus collybita Chiffchaff R: 3 Kabarnet Forest 16 Jan (JHF, TS) and 2-3 singing Aberdares NP early Feb (BL).

Phylloscopus trochilus Willow Warbler M: exceptional passage central Kenya early-mid Apr, apparently the heaviest since 1971 and presumably associated with the dry conditions (many observers). D: a late bird El Karama Ranch (Laikipia) 15-16 May (ADL).

Sylvia communis Whitethroat E: birds in unusual localities at Kapedo 29 Feb and 5 Mar (JH) and Kikambala 12 Apr (DJP).

Sylvia nisoria Barred Warbler NE: unusually large numbers Baringo Jan-mid Mar, and also common in *Salvadora* thicket Nginyang-Kapedo 5 Mar (TS, DJP). 1 Kapedo to 17 Mar (JH). Quite common Dachadima, N part Galana Ranch, mid Mar (DJP). E: several South Horr 5 Nov (AEB, DJP).

Ficedula sp. R: 1 Nairobi 8 Sep (ADL) and 1 Kampala 2 Oct (MJC) were presumed to have been Collared Flycatchers *F. albicollis*.

Anthus campestris Tawny Pipit S(B): 1 Baringo 13 Jan (TS) and 1 Meru NP 5 Nov (DF, DAT). Full details received.

The eighth and ninth East African records.

Anthus trivialis Tree Pipit E: 1 Mida 26 Mar (DJP).

There seems to be no previous record from the coast.

Motacilla alba White Wagtail RE: records away from usual sites:

4 L. Shakobabo and 1 L. Bilisa 23-24 Jan, 10 Kiunga 17 Feb,

1 Kapedo 5 Mar and 1 Maralal 6 Mar (GCB, MACC, DJP).

Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail E: 1 Mida 20 Oct (MACC, DJP).

Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail D: 1 10 km N of Kapedo 10 Jun (JH).

Lanius minor Lesser Grey Shrike D: a first year bird Meru NP 3-4 Nov (DJF, DAT). A late bird El Karama Ranch (Laikipia) 14 May (ADL).

Lanius nubicus Nubian Shrike S(A): 1 Baringo up to early Mar and also a second bird 10-14 Jan (TS, ADF-W et al.).

The third and fourth records for Kenya and East Africa.

Lanius senator Woodchat Shrike S(B): up to 7 present Baringo 1-15 Jan with 1 remaining to 4 Mar (TS et al.). 1 Isiolo 18 Feb IJF-L et al.

The numbers present together at Baringo in the 1983/84 winter are unprecedented in Kenya.

ADDITIONS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

AFROTROPICAL AND OCEANIC SPECIES

Sula sula Red-footed Booby S(A): 1 seen at very close range on the sea off Shimoni 24 Jan 1983 (PH, MH). Full details received.

This constitutes the third record for Kenya and also for Africa.

Ardea rufiventris Rufous-bellied Heron R: 2 on flooded plain Windi (T) 27 Jul 1983 (ES).

Egretta ardosiaca Black Heron R: 2 Lugugaa, L. Rukwa (T) 5 Apr 1982 (ES).

Hirundo atrocaerulea Blue Swallow R: several present Poroto Mts (T) 10-15 Aug 1980 (ES).

Bias musicus Black and White Flycatcher R: a pair Bigua, Morogoro (T) 15 Nov 1982 (ES).

Erranornis albicauda White-tailed Blue Flycatcher R: 1 Poroto Mts (T) 26 Dec 1983 (ES).

Vidua obtusa Broad-tailed Paradise Whydah R: 1 Poroto Mts (T) at 1700 m 13 May 1982 (ES).

PALAEARCTIC

Chlidonias niger Black Tern S(A): 1 Thika OPs 5 Feb 1983 (DJP)

The fourth Kenya and East African record.

'FIRST' AND 'LAST' DATES FOR SOME PALAEARCTIC MIGRANT LANDBIRDS
(central/eastern Kenya except where marked *)

Species	Last Date	First Date
<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	28 Apr Athi R.	
<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	10 Apr Shimba Hills	
<i>Merops apiaster</i>	18 Apr Athi R.	17 Sep Baringo
<i>Merops persicus</i>		31 Oct Magadi Rd.
<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	28 Apr Athi R.	27 Oct Gilgil
<i>Upupa epops epops</i>		6 Oct Athi R.
<i>Delichon urbica</i>	27 Apr Baringo	27 Sep Mau Narok
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	8 May Kariobangi	
<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	14 Apr Tiwi	5 Nov Nyaharuru Meru NP
<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	12 Apr Kikambala	16 Nov Ngulia
<i>Irania gutturalis</i>		5 Nov Meru NP
<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	17 Apr Kariobangi	11 Nov Kindaruma
<i>L. megarhynchos</i>	12 Apr Vuma, Takaungu	5 Nov Meru NP
<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	22 Apr Kariobangi	27 Oct Ngulia
<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	15 Apr Athi Plains	29 Sep Dandora
<i>O. oenanthe</i>	19 Apr Thika	18 Sep *Serengeti
<i>O. pleschanka</i>	19 Apr Baringo	31 Oct Magadi Rd.
<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>		26 Sep Nakuru
<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	21 May Kariobangi	21 Nov Ngulia
<i>A. griseldis</i>	12 Apr Baringo	14 Nov Mara GR
<i>A. palustris</i>	8 May Kariobangi	3 Nov Mountain Lodge
<i>A. schoenobaenus</i>	24 May Kariobangi	9 Nov Ahero
<i>A. scirpaceus</i>	19 May Limuru	7 Nov Baringo
<i>Hippolais languida</i>	15 Apr Kajiado	22 Nov Ngulia
<i>H. olivetorum</i>		4 Nov Maralal
<i>H. pallida</i>	19 Apr Thika	25 Sep Baringo
<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>		16 Nov Ngulia
<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	16 May El Karama Ranch	6 Oct Athi R.
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>		20 Oct Langata
<i>S. borin</i>	15 Apr Bissel	
<i>S. communis</i>	22 Apr Kariobangi	27 Oct Ngulia
<i>S. nisoria</i>	17 Apr Kariobangi	28 Oct Baringo
<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	15 Apr Athi R.	6 Oct Athi R.
<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	22 Apr Kariobangi	28 Oct Baringo
<i>A. trivialis</i>	14 Apr Nakuru	10 Oct *Serengeti
<i>Motacilla alba</i>	6 Mar Maralal	
<i>M. cinerea</i>		20 Oct Mida
<i>M. flava</i>	8 May Kariobangi (10 Jun Kapedo)	17 Sep *Ngorongoro
<i>Lanius collurio</i>	1 May Nairobi NP	30 Oct Nairobi NP
<i>L. isabellinus</i>	15 Apr Kajiado	27 Oct Tsavo W NP
<i>L. minor</i>	14 May El Karama Ranch	3 Nov Meru NP

* Tanzanian localities

English names of birds listed above but not mentioned in the Species Report: *Cuculus canorus* Eurasian Cuckoo, *Merops persicus* Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, *Coracias garrulus* Eurasian Roller, *Delichon urbica* House Martin, *Riparia riparia* Sand Martin, *Oriolus oriolus* Golden Oriole, *Cercotrichas galactotes* Rufous Bush Chat, *Irania gutturalis* Irania, *Luscinia luscinia* Sprosser, *L. megarhynchos* Nightingale, *Monticola saxatilis* Rock Thrush, *Oenanthe oenanthe* Northern Wheatear, *Hippolais pallida* Olivaceous Warbler, *Sylvia atricapilla* Blackcap, *S. borin* Garden Warbler, *Muscicapa striata* Spotted Flycatcher, *Lanius collurio* Red-backed Shrike and *L. isabellinus* Red-tailed Shrike.

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'REQUESTED' AND 'SPECIAL ATTENTION' SPECIES

Guidance on what records to submit for the East African Bird Report is given in the *Scopus* Supplement of June 1982, copies of which still may be obtained free of charge from D.A. Turner, Box 48019 Nairobi. The response from observers to the present report is most encouraging and shows that the Supplement is doing its job, so that the annual reports, coupled with *Birds of East Africa* and the forthcoming *Bird atlas for Kenya*, will serve as a full record of the status of the East African avifauna during the 1980s and, hopefully, beyond.

For 1985 and 1986 we intend to make a special effort to obtain the fullest information on a number of species, mostly already in the Requested (R) category, and we urge observers to record and send in all such records during the next two years. A list of these birds

follows but does not, of course, supplant the full list of 'R' species

Dendrocygna bicolor Fulvous Whistling Duck
Dendrocygna viduata White-faced Whistling Duck
Circus macrourus Pallid Harrier
Circus pygarrus Montagu's Harrier
Butastur rufipennis Grasshopper Buzzard
Chelictinia riocourii Swallow-tailed Kite
Neotis denhami Denham's Bustard
Charadrius asiaticus Caspian Plover
Clamator glandarius Great Spotted Cuckoo
Clamator jacobinus Black and White Cuckoo
Clamator levaillantii Levaillant's Cuckoo
Cuculus canorus Eurasian Cuckoo
Cuculus clamosus Black Cuckoo
Cuculus gularis African Cuckoo
Caprimulgus spp. } nightjars, records of all species as
Macrodipteryx spp. } well as special attention to road kills
Coracias caudata lortii lilac-throated race of the Lilac-breasted Roller
Pitta angolensis African Pitta
Mirafraga cantillans Singing Bush Lark
Oenanthe pileata Capped Wheatear
Saxicola rubetra Whinchat - from all areas of East Africa
Tmetothylacus tenellus Golden Pipit

Records of these species should be sent in the normal way to the recorders early in 1986 and early in 1987.

RARE BIRDS

Records of birds new for any of the three East African countries Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, and 'S(A)' species (those recorded in East Africa five or fewer times) should be sent in to Dr D.J. Pearson with full details, including photographs if available, and the name or names of any other people present at the time, *as soon after the observation was made* for circulation amongst the members of the East African Rare Birds Committee.

It would be much appreciated if details could be sent in duplicate. Photocopies of original field notebook descriptions and sketches will be most useful for straight sight records.